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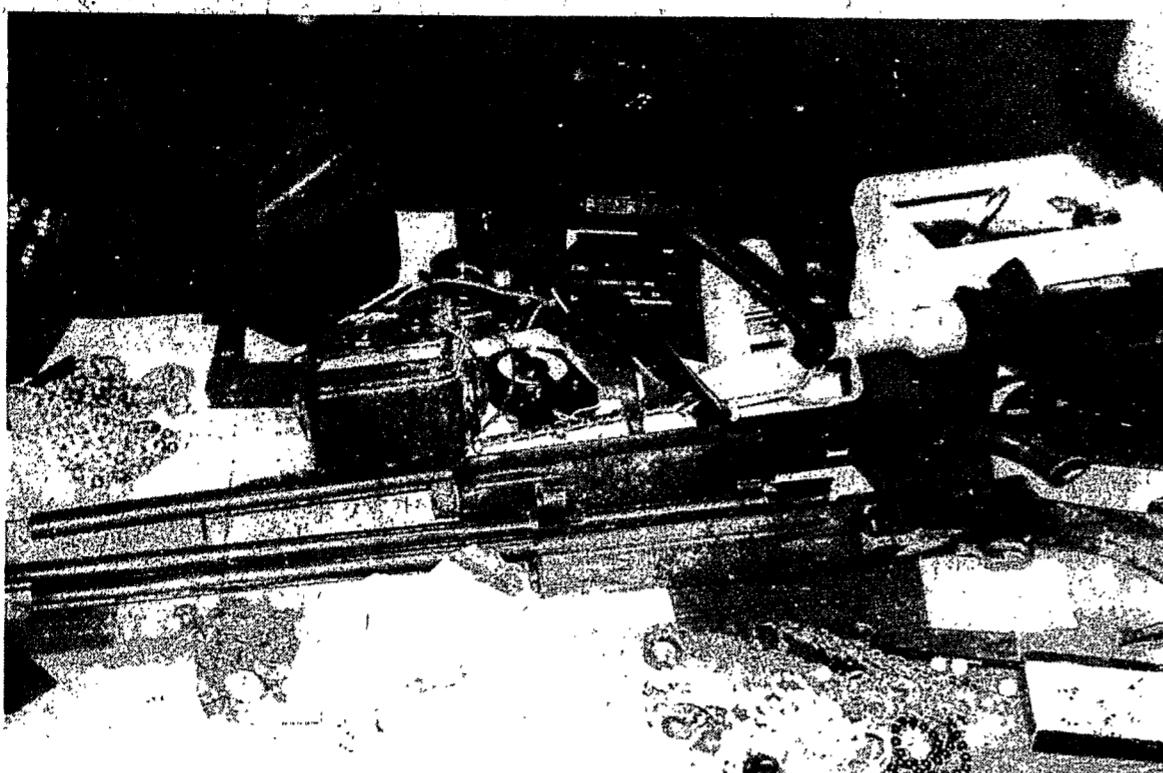
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The loot

Sheriff's department Investigator Nathan Hoda's desk overflows with items recovered as a result of a four-department cooperative effort in solving a rash of burglaries in recent months. Items have been estimated to be worth over \$30,000. All items recovered so far have been identified and are being returned to their owners. (Echo staff photo by Jacqui Cochran)

Corner marker found by Bay city workers



'Striking gold'

On their first try, city workers found the century old monument marking the long-disputed section corner that was the focus of a debate about the rights-of-way for 10th and Longfellow streets. From left, surveyor James Chiniche, city employees Buddy Zimmerman and John Smith, and councilman Charles Scianna investigate the find. City attorney John Scafide said the monument was about 18 inches below the surface of the street, and that the jack-hammer actually hit and chipped the monument. "It felt like we hit a pot of gold," he stated. (Photo by Janet McQueen)

BY TRACI BONNEY
Bay St. Louis city attorney John Scafide was pleased to report Tuesday that a mystery had been solved.

He told the City Council that surveyor James Chiniche and city workers had uncovered the actual monument that marks the location of the disputed section corner in the 10th Street/Longfellow boundary controversy.

Past surveyors have located the corner in various spots; in fact, Scafide told the Council in past meetings, Harry Smith had even put down a monument to mark the corner he determined.

Gene Richardson was closest to the mark, though. When Chiniche took several old surveys of other sections that had the disputed corner as a common reference point, and marked them out on Seube Street, he found the three points were very close.

Scafide said Chiniche and city workers dug a hole about a foot wide into the street in the vicinity of those three points.

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Bridal Showcase
in this issue

Board pursues renegotiation of 16th section land leases

BY JACQUI COCHRAN
Hancock County School Board members gave approval Monday for attorney Joseph Gex to take court action against pending district matters.

Gex said attempts at renegotiation of several 16th section land leases, the settlement of two timber cutting allegations,

repair of faulty construction work and payment for a repair to a damaged bus have all been fruitless.

He said 10 16th section land lease contract holders have ignored all attempts to renegotiate their leases with the district.

One lease involves the Mis-

sissippi State Bureau Parks and Recreation.

In a separate issue, two current lease holders have cut timber without district approval or compensation. Gex said he has written to these individuals asking them to contact the district, with no success.

Gex told the board he is ready

to proceed with litigation against King Construction Company for faulty work at a kindergarten classroom extension at Gulfview Elementary.

Assistant superintendent Eddie Danzey reported the district's copy machine was "worn-

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Edmond Fahey
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TIDES

WEEK OF 2-9-92

DAY	HIGH	LOW	DAY	HIGH	LOW
Sun.	3:52 p.	1:52 a.	Thurs.	7:26 p.	6:26 a.
Mon.	4:36 p.	3:28 a.	Fri.	8:30 p.	7:23 a.
Tues.	5:28 p.	4:33 a.	Sat.	9:29 p.	8:20 a.
Wed.	6:24 p.	5:29 a.	Sun.	10:29 p.	9:21 a.

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OBITUARIES

DAVID M. ANDERSEN
JOE D. GARRETT SR.
EDGAR J. PEREZ
BETTY MCLEOD ROGERS

DAVID M. ANDERSEN
David M. Andersen, 50, of Slidell, La., died Wednesday, Feb. 5, 1992, in Slidell, La.

Mr. Andersen was a native of Chicago, a former resident of Pass Christian and a resident of Slidell for 13 years. He was a member of the Pass Christian Yacht Club and served as a Captain in the Air Force during Vietnam and the Dominican Republic. He was a contract specialist with National Data Buoy at the Stennis Space Center. He was an Episcopalian.

Survivors include a son, David M. Anderson of Kingston, Jamaica; two daughters, Leigh Andersen of Las Vegas, Nev., and Aimee Andersen of Slidell, La.; his mother, Mrs. Helen Hult Andersen of Long Beach; sister, Judith Marsh of San Antonio, Texas; and his former wife, Cynthia Hayden Andersen of Slidell, La.

Visitation was Friday evening at Riemann Funeral Home chapel in Long Beach. Graveside services were conducted Saturday in Live Oak Cemetery in Pass Christian.

Horses' deaths spur push for better laws

BY JACQUI COCHRAN

The recent death of two horses has caused the sheriff's department, the county prosecutor's department and the Hancock County Humane Society to join in a drive for better animal protection laws.

Accusations of inhumane treatment of horses by owner Danny Farrell against Eugene Ladner, Hwy. 53 in Crane Creek, has caused the two county departments to question the legal responsibilities of animal owners and keepers.

Thyla Rogers, president of the humane society, explained under existing laws cruelty has to be proven and negligence is not a criminal offense.

Sheriff Ronald Peterson stated, "The autopsy report indicates one of the animals

JOE D. GARRETT SR.
Joe D. Garrett Sr., 55, of Biloxi, died Wednesday, February 5, 1992, in Biloxi.

A native of Honolulu, Hawaii, he spent his entire life in Biloxi. A 1955 graduate of Biloxi High School, he attended the University of Southern Mississippi for three years.

Mr. Garrett served in the U.S. Air Force from 1959 to 1962 and in the U.S. Army from 1963 to 1966. During these years of duty, he served in Pakistan and Germany.

Mr. Garrett was retired from the accounting and finance section of Keesler Air Force Base. He was employed by the Royal d'Iberville Hotel as a convention bartender. Mr. Garrett was a member of the Biloxi Elks Lodge No. 606, the North Biloxi Moose Lodge No. 332 and the Federal Employees Association of Mississippi. He was a member of the St. John Golf Club at City Park.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Master Sgt. Henry Garrett, retired, and Jewell Gray Garrett.

Survivors include his wife, Gloria Mae Pylate Garrett of Biloxi; two daughters, Marlo Kuhn of Biloxi and Dodie Shoemaker of d'Iberville; two sons, Joe D. Garrett Jr. of Pass Christian and Michael Shawn Garrett of Biloxi; two sisters, Nancy Davis and Barbara

Ward, both of Biloxi; and one grandchild.

Services were Saturday at the Howard Avenue chapel of Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home in Biloxi. Burial followed in the Biloxi Cemetery.

EDGAR J. PEREZ

Edgar J. Perez, 84, of New Orleans, died Thursday, February 6, 1992, in New Orleans.

Mr. Perez was a lifelong resident of New Orleans. He was retired from Southern Bell after 45 years of service, finishing as Electrical Technician Supervisor. He was a life member of the Gulf Chapter of the Telephone Pioneers of America in New Orleans. He was recently named an honorary life member of the St. John Golf Club at City Park.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Benetta Harts Horn Perez; three sisters, Irma Kreeger, Irene Rechtien and Aimee Wilt; and longtime friend Bertha Burtz.

Survivors include two sons, Edgar H. Perez of Bay St. Louis and Sid Perez of Austin, Texas; one brother, Esma Stevenson of Violet, La.; and two grandchildren.

Visitation will be 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday at McMahon-Coburn-Briebe Funeral Home in New Orleans. Funeral services will be 9:30 a.m. Monday in the Fun-

eral home chapel. Burial will follow in Lake Lawn Park Cemetery.

BETTY MCLEOD ROGERS

Mrs. Betty McLeod Rogers, 66, Pass Christian, died Thursday, Feb. 6, 1992, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Rogers was a native of Tampa, Fla., a former resident of New Orleans and a Pass Christian resident for 20 years. She was a member of the Junior League, the Orleans Club, the Southern Yacht Club, all in New Orleans, the Pass Christian Historical Society, Pass Christian Isles Golf Club and the Kappa-Kappa-Gamma Sorority.

She was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Pass Christian.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harry S. and Louise Pratt McLeod.

Survivors include her husband, Donald Rogers of Pass Christian; two sons, Rick Rogers of Long Beach and Randy Rogers of Pass Christian; a daughter, Linda Wallace of Diamondhead; and four grandchildren.

Visitation was Saturday at the parish hall of Trinity Episcopal Church. Services followed in the church sanctuary, with burial in Live Oak Cemetery in Pass Christian.

ON PATROL

From Echo Staff Reports

MOLESTING CHARGES

A Pearlington resident was arrested and charged with molesting, according to Bay St. Louis Police Detective Tom Burleson.

Burleson said, "Buford Keith Christmas, 30, 1605 Monroe St., Pearlington, was arrested January 31 and charged with molesting."

The incident involves a minor, Burleson said. Christmas was released on a \$15,000 property bond. He is scheduled to appear before Bay Municipal Judge George Lipscomb on Feb. 26.

Hancock Deputy Sheriff Tommy Powell assisted in the arrest. Department of Human Resources personnel are also involved in case, Burleson said.

Blood drive scheduled Wednesday

The American Red Cross Mobile Unit will be taking blood donations Wednesday in an effort to reach a goal of 100 units.

The drive will be at the American Legion Home Post #139 in Bay St. Louis from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Members of the community over 17 years of age and physically fit as requested to come and give, making this drive a success.

The importance of available blood at all times is vital to the life and health of the community.

Correction

In a Letter to the Editor by Lana Noonan in Thursday's *Sea Coast Echo*, a word was inadvertently added, changing the meaning of a paragraph.

The letter should have read, as follows:

"The most disturbing statement or question I heard during the entire meeting concerned jobs. A speaker promoting gambling asked, 'What have any of the beachfront property owners ever done for the city of Bay St. Louis?' I would like the opportunity to give that person just one example. Leo Seal, a resident of the area proposed for the zoning change, and his father before him have, since 1899, employed more people in this community than that gambling promoter will ever become acquainted with."

The *Sea Coast Echo* regrets the error.

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Cleaning house

County school board to sell houses loaned to principals

BY JACQUI COCHRAN

In an attempt to dispose of two district-owned houses, Hancock County School Board members approved a letter of intent to the occupants of one and an appraisal on the other.

The board asked that a letter be sent to former high school principal Donald Hillman, asking he and his family to vacate his county-owned home by July

1 for renovation and sale.

Hillman was given the home to live in upon his appointment as high school principal. He was removed as principal last spring and reappointed transportation director. He retained the same level of pay and the home, as part of a custom practiced in lieu of additional salary.

The board said they intend to sell the home, along with

another previously occupied by high school principal David Kopf, while he was assistant principal.

The home Kopf occupied is located near Hancock North Central Elementary School and has been vacant for three years.

Wayne Heard, the only bidder on the Kopf house, submitted a \$9,500 bid in December. He requested the board hold their decision on the bid until he had an opportunity to view the inside of the house, since the key had been misplaced.

Monday he advised the board of the following conditions he had observed upon viewing the inside of the house: a cracked foundation, roof in need of replacement, crumbling outer walls, infestation by wasps and the lack of a well.

Heard said the house was so

deteriorated, he felt the \$9,500 bid was a fair price considering the work required.

The board said they would request another appraisal to determine if the original \$23,500 price was obsolete.

By law the board cannot accept a bid less than the appraised price.

The board rejected Heard's bid, ordered a new appraisal and said they would re-advertise.

Assistant superintendent Eddie Danzey said Heard's bid was the first serious bid the board had received on the property.

Headstart pre-registration slated Feb. 10-March 27

Mississippi Action for Progress Inc. will begin pre-registration for participation in the Headstart Program.

Apply at the Bay-Waveland Headstart Center, 301 Necaise Avenue, Bay St. Louis Feb. 10 until March 27, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Information needed includes certificate of birth certificate, proof of income, parents' Social Security numbers, child's Social Security number and Medicaid card, if applicable. Each child must have an up-to-date immunization record.



New Exchange Club members

Recently initiated into the Hancock County Exchange Club were new members (from left) Rhonda Darby, Patricia Throop, Lois Manuel and Susan Austin. (Photo by Bob Hubbard)

Road

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that information to get the rest of the road put on the system.

FIRE MATTERS

Fire service coordinator Jay Marsh presented the board with copies of the county's five year fire protection plan, along with a progress report and other attachments.

He asked the supervisors to review the plan and let him know if they have any questions.

Marsh also requested and received the board's approval of the West Hancock Volunteer Fire Department's purchase of a 500 gallon pumper engine vehicle.

He told the supervisors the money for the vehicle will be deducted from the West Han-

cock VFD insurance rebate fund.

Officers of the Hancock County Fireman's Association asked the board for support of a resolution requesting the State Legislature to approve legislation that allows volunteer firefighters to serve as members of fire protection districts and lets them serve as members of a district's board even if the firefighter receives minimal benefits.

The officers explained that their resolution is in response to a Mississippi Ethics Commission Advisory Opinion from November which finds that membership by a firefighter on the board of a fire protection district violates the law on ethics in government. For a fire-

fighter to serve on a district board is supposedly a conflict of interest, according to the Ethics Commission.

The Fireman's Association officers contend that the Advisory Opinion makes no distinction between compensated firefighters and noncompensated volunteer firefighters. They told the supervisors that several local fire district commissioners boards have volunteer firefighters as members.

"These firefighters have valuable experience," one said. "Under this opinion, we either have to remove them from the boards of commissioners or have them stop being firefighters. We can't afford to do either, because we need the fire-

fighters, and firefighters also know better than anyone else what is needed in a fire protection district."

The supervisors, after hearing the officers, unanimously agreed to support the Fireman's Association's resolution.

OTHER BUSINESS

The board heard reports from tax assessor/collector Edward Murtagh, county comptroller Ken Walker, chancery clerk Mike Necaise, board attorney Gerald Gex and purchase clerk Suzette Beech; accepted the docket, repairs to a compressor and bids on tires and tubes; and approved 16th Section leases and the purchase and installation of carpet in the Hancock County school superintendent's office.

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out" and needed to be replaced. He said the district wished to compare costs of purchasing or renting one machine for each school, versus centralized copying.

Board member Kay Sones stated, "I'd like to see some numbers...We were supposed to save money by centralizing our copying."

The board approved an advertisement for copiers in an effort to determine the least costly means of providing such services for their district.

Quotes were awarded for the replacement of an air conditioning/heating unit to the kindergarten building at Hancock North Central Elementary, \$2,325; materials for the

construction of a baseball dugout, \$3,325; and band hall shelving, \$1,034.

Permission was given to advertise for instructional and office supplies for 1992-93; Chapter I computers; and equipment for Hancock North Central cafeteria.

In other business the board approved:

—payment of \$3,989 to Gryner Drilling Service Inc. for emergency repairs on a water pump and motor at Hancock Elementary;

—payment of \$3,967 to Hancock Insurance for Errors and Omissions Ins., to expire on February 3, 1992;

—payment of \$936 to D.N.P., Inc. for the relocation of a metal

building, including replacement of roof, and the air conditioning of the high school weight room and one classroom;

—payment of \$31,796 to Peoples Bank for the first of six payments on a 1991 shortfall loan;

—the purchase of six security gates for \$1,760, to be installed as needed around the junior/senior high school complex;

—resignations from Marie McDonald as federal programs coordinator, and Cathy Boyet as Chapter I assistant;

—employment of Cathy Boyet as junior high school study hall monitor, Larry J. Smith as a high school substitute teacher, and Willie Shook as high school ABE/GED instructor;

—emergency school bus driver training for the Hancock County Transportation Department;

—out-of-state travel for five members of the high school Quiz Bowl team and sponsor for participation in the Gulf Coast High School Bowl Tournament on February 14 in Mobile, Ala.;

—contracting with Inez Thomas for transportation of three Hancock students to the Pass Christian School District for hearing impaired classes;

—activity funds for all schools for November and December, 1991;

—activity fund claim dockets for all schools;

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By Ellis C. Cuevas

Wednesday will be Blood Drawing Day in Bay St. Louis at the American Legion Post Home on Green Meadow Road from 1 to 7 p.m.

John Rutherford Jr., county blood chairman, is once again seeking persons who are physically able and 17 years old or older to donate a unite of blood.

The American Red Cross drawing has a quota of 100 units, and blood supplies are low at this time, as most of you know.

One never knows the hour or day when a he or a member of his family will need a unit or more of blood.

Over the years, there have been several residents who were faithful donors, but for one reason or another, they are no longer able to give blood.

New donors are always being sought, and Big John will personally welcome you at the drawing.

John has been the blood drive chairman in Hancock County for many years, and has only been successful through the generosity of the donors.

I hope to see you at the blood drawing Wednesday.

The Hancock County Soil and Water Conservation District, Forestry and Extension Service will give away free trees on Monday and Tuesday.

Bald cypress, green ash, water oaks, willow oaks and shumard oaks will be available on a first-come basis from 8 a.m. until noon each day while the supply lasts.

The site for the tree give-away is the Farmers' Market Building on Longfellow Road behind the Civic Center.

FROM THE MISSISSIPPI SENATE

By Senator Vic Franckiewicz

1890 constitution under scrutiny

Mississippi's outdated constitution of 1890 came under scrutiny this week in the Senate Constitution Committee. We held hearings on initiative and referendum, and we will hold additional hearings in the next few weeks. We also considered amendments dealing with the lieutenant governor.

The committee approved a limit of two consecutive terms for the lieutenant governor, and approved an amendment to stop "double dipping" by the lieutenant governor. Under current law, the lieutenant governor gets both his regular salary and the governor's salary when the governor is out of town.

Limiting terms and the "double dipping" amendment will both be considered by the full Senate next week. If these resolutions pass the Senate and House, they will be on the November ballot.

In other business, the Senate passed and sent to the House several changes to criminal laws. Senate Bill (SB) 2083 makes credit card theft a felony.

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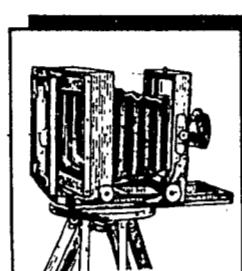
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Student of the Month

Hancock County Exchange Club education chair Camille Tate, right, presents Bay High School student Samuel Trent Favre with a plaque declaring him December Student of the Month. He was selected by the BHS Faculty for the honor. (Photo by Bob Hubbard)



From the ECHO ARCHIVES

By Ellis C. Cuevas

Ten Years Ago

FEBRUARY 7, 1992

The City of Waveland's attorney is drafting an ordinance prohibiting time-sharing condominium developments on beachfront property. Barbara Rappold, city clerk, and Ward One Alderman, said she requested the ordinance after receiving numerous complaints regarding a New Orleans firm's recently revealed plans to build a 16-unit time-sharing condominium complex near the corner of Aiken Drive and Beach Boulevard.

—Miss Karen Hopson, current Miss Mississippi, will be grand marshal of the Nereids Parade Sunday, Feb. 14.

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Twenty-Five Years Ago

FEBRUARY 9, 1967

—King James N. Travirca and his queen, Mrs. Gerald Gex, reigned over Camelot, the 34th annual Carnival Ball presented Friday night by St. Joseph's Carnival Club in the academy auditorium. The queen was escorted to meet her king by Robert L. Hamilton, ball captain.

—A county-wide zoning and subdivision ordinance, including regulations of pier construction along the seawall, was unanimously adopted by the board of supervisors Monday. Sole amendment was on the section regarding piers and was drafted by K.T. Breland, local contractor specializing in that field after a public hearing on the entire ordinance attracted only half a dozen people last month.

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Fifty Years Ago

FEBRUARY 6, 1942

—Jackson, Miss., Feb. 3—A total of \$593,171.06 for seawall and road protection funds was returned to Jackson, Harrison and Hancock Counties in 1941 from gasoline tax collections by Motor Vehicle Commissioner Frank Mize. From the two cents county tax, Hancock received \$40,952.02.

—Law enforcement officers from all over the state attended a course in Gulfport last week conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation from Jackson, which was attended by the following officers from Bay St. Louis: Sheriff Horace L. Kergosien, Deputy Sheriff Claude Monti, Justice of the Peace Leon B. Capdepon, and City Office Alcine Saucier.

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Seventy-Five Years Ago

FEBRUARY 10, 1917

The organization of the Abe Lincoln National Farm Loan Association of Hancock County has been completed, and its field of operation will include Kiln, Fenton, Catahoula, Bay St. Louis, Waveland, Lake Shore, Pearlington, Logtown, Gainesville and all intermediate localities. The organization currently has a membership of 50 and prospective members are requested to send in their applications on or before the 20th. The officers are, Henry Green, president; A.C. Brown, secretary-treasurer; board of directors, Jerry Haas, Lovance Moran, Sam Haas, Joseph Cuevas, Casimer Nicaise, John Haas, Romaine Nicaise, Ed Green, A. Effinger, C. Green, these names include the three appraisers.

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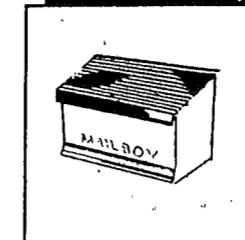
FEBRUARY 6, 1897

—During the past week Sheriff Ladner has been writing the delinquent tax list. It is safe to say no man in the county was more busy than he.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Objections to beachfront gaming termed 'racist'

Dear Editor,

We sat quietly and listened to all the opponents and proponents speak at the Bay St. Louis City Council's public hearing on the Zoning Ordinance 220 amendment Monday night. We are now sorry we failed to write to ask to speak, because we heard very little that addresses our views and those of our friends and relatives.

Our families have been living, voting, paying home mortgages, and paying taxes in Bay St. Louis for some 80 years. However, as young children and young adults, we were not allowed on the beachfront.

We could not ride our bikes on the beachfront and play on the sand and in the waters of Beach Boulevard. We were always told the beachfront plus the water's edge belonged to the property owners on the Beach.

The only time we were welcomed on the beach in any fashion was when we were in many of the homes working for minimum and less than minimum wages.

Our designated area to play and ride bikes were the Valena C. Jones School grounds, Sycamore Street and a small section of Old Spanish Trail.

We are in 1992, and we are still not sure if we, or our children, are welcomed on that particular stretch of property. (From Bay Bridge along beachfront to DeMontluzin Street).

Is the idea that some of our black citizenry might work and/or gamble at the Bay Bridge beachfront site a reason for so much objection? Is the idea that our community will grow, prosper and have a sound economic base a reason for objection?

We heard many opponents of the proposed Bay Bridge site say over and over that the beauty of the area will be destroyed and the view endangered. The beauty and view are already destroyed and endangered.

What is more despicable than the Pete Fountain property as it looks now; the monstrous Bay bridge that the beachfront owners see each morning as they awake and look at the beautiful sun rising over the water; the jobless future of many of our citizens and the closed minds to growth of many of our elite citizenry?

Waveland bickering should cease for good of city

Dear Editor,

Once again in today's paper we read about the constant fighting between our Mayor and Alderman Stan Weidman. This has been going on since election time.

I agree, Mr. Weidman is entitled to his opinion, but he has opposed every ordinance that has been up before the board. If he is so unhappy with our city he ought to resign.

Everyone in our city is talking about this. It is a disgrace to our city to have two public offi-

Many in the black community have acquired juris doctorate degrees, advanced teaching degrees, doctor of medicine degrees, engineering degrees, accounting degrees, etc., but they must leave the county and many times the state to acquire a job that is compatible with their training. Why? Because there are no job openings for them in Bay St. Louis.

Many of the undersigned citizens and taxpayers of Bay St. Louis are working in other counties and cities because there are no jobs for us here.

Don't tell me many of the people in our community do not want to work for minimum wage, because they do and they will. Why? Because that is all many of them will be able to obtain.

We appreciated Mrs. Lang's comments because we have always respected her as a fine, hardworking lady of our community. However, we cannot stand with her on her objections to the Bay Bridge site.

If legalized dockside gaming at the Bay Bridge site will offer jobs and a bit of security to our families, friends and relatives, then let there be gaming at the site. If legalized dockside gaming funds can help our children and grandchildren receive a better education, then let there be gaming at the bridge site. If the dockside gaming facilities adhere to the conditions, standards, and guidelines of the Planning and Zoning Commission, City Council and the 10 or so state and federal regulatory agencies, then let there be gaming at the Bay Bridge site.

We, the undersigned, as voting and taxpaying citizens of Bay St. Louis go on record as supporting dockside gaming at the Bay Bridge, Bay Cove, and Bayou Caddy sites.

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Bay Council should focus on long-term goals

Dear Editor,

I am writing in reference to the article "Council Requests Gaming Ordinance" in your edition of February 6, 1992.

It is greatly disturbing to find that some community members are now injecting an accusation of racial bias into the controversy surrounding zoning of the Bay Bridge site for dockside gambling.

Cutting through the rhetoric and emotion expressed on both sides of the debate, the real issue is seen to be that of how to maintain a viable community in which people of all races and economic groups can lead a decent life.

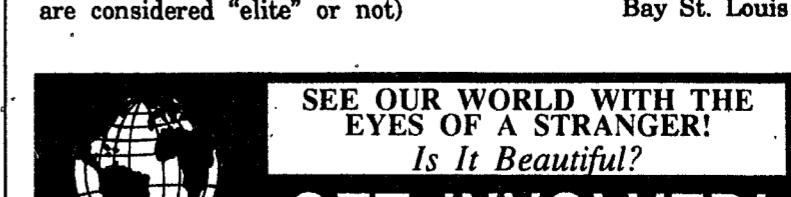
Placing gambling establishments in, or adjacent to, residential areas (whether they are considered "elite" or not)

does not enhance the liveability of a community and will not, in the long run, help in attracting businesses which can provide long-term growth and stable jobs with some future for all residents.

This planning for the future is what community development entails. This goal should not be obscured by raising false, divisive issues at this time.

Let us then encourage the Bay St. Louis City Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission to develop comprehensive zoning plans and long-term goals rather than to settle on "quick fixes" promised by the gambling establishment.

Sincerely yours,
Dorothy R. McLemore
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Hancock Bank hosts annual Economic Symposium

Hancock Bank will sponsor its 26th annual Economic Symposium Tuesday, Feb. 11.

Scheduled at the Mississippi Coast Convention Center, the Symposium will begin at 8 a.m. with coffee and pastries and the program will run from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Four guest speakers, selected on behalf of their knowledge and commitment to the development of commerce, education and industry in south Mississippi and beyond, will be featured.

The speakers and their topics are Ted Alexander, EdD, president of Pearl River Community College, "A Partnership: Community Colleges and Economic Development" and Jack Goldin, chairman of the board of Goldin Industries Inc., "Back to the



Ted Alexander

Mack McCluskey

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Basics."

Also addressing the expected 1,000-plus audience will be Thomas D. McIlwain, PhD,

director of the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, "The Mississippi Seafood Industry," and W. D. "Mack" McCluskey, plant

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Since 1966, Hancock Bank has provided these forums as a means of informing the community of the status of business and industry in south Mississippi.

Loper named Eastover manager

Arvid L. Loper has joined Eastover Bank For Savings as vice president/branch manager



Arvid Loper

of the Bay St. Louis office, according to Luther C. Holcomb, vice president/division manager of Eastover Bank's Gulf Coast Operations.

He was most recently employed by Altus Bank in Dothan, Ala. as regional loan manager.

Loper's new responsibilities will include overseeing the daily administrative and lending operations of the Bay St. Louis office.

Loper was graduated from Citronelle High School in Citronelle, Ala. in 1969. He attended Faulkner State Junior College and Livingston University.

Loper has received certification from the American Insti-

tute of Banking in principles of banking, commercial lending, and accounting. He has some 19 years of experience in the financial services industry.

Eastover Bank has over \$500 million in assets and offers a full-range of banking services in 20 cities and towns throughout Mississippi.

ON PATROL

From Echo Staff Reports

GRAND LARCENY

Bay St. Louis Police Detective Tom Burleson reported Wednesday the arrest of a Pass Christian woman on a larceny charge. Burleson said that around 10:20 Sunday night, a report was made of an armed robbery at the Subway sandwich shop in the MarkeTown shopping center.

After an investigation, an arrest was made about 4:30 p.m. Wednesday.

"It was not an armed robbery. It was a grand larceny, staged by the employee who reported it," Burleson stated.

He added that the \$324 in cash that was taken was not recovered.

Joy Elaine Russell, 36, 410 Clark St., Pass Christian, was charged with grand larceny and released on her own recognizance.

ACCIDENT

Bay St. Louis Police Officer David Sellier reported Thursday that a Bay St. Louis man was seriously injured in an accident Wednesday.

Sellier said the department received a call about 8:24 p.m. that an accident had occurred at the intersection of Old Spanish Trail and Keller Ave.

Anthony Prendergast, 27, was driving a 1982 Suzuki motorcycle west on Old Spanish Trail when he collided head-on with a 1984 Ford pickup driven by Chad Peronne, 16, also of Bay St. Louis, Sellier reported.

He said Prendergast sustained a severe spinal injury along with several other injuries, and was listed in critical condition Thursday at Hancock Medical Center.

Sellier is currently investigating the case.

Senate

Continued from Page 4A

\$120 million.

These committees are considering legislation to limit spending to 98 percent of projected revenue, and keeping a "Rainy Day" account. Even all of this will not be enough, so we are facing some drastic cutbacks in

this year's budget.

If you have any questions regarding the legislation we consider, please feel free to write me at P. O. Box 1018, Jackson, MS 39215-1018. My telephone number at the Capitol is 359-3276. On weekends, I am at 467-2399.

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ASSETS				
1 Cash and balances due from depository institutions	a Noninterest - bearing balances and currency and coin			56,000 1 a
	b Interest - bearing balances			875 1 b
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2 Securities				
3 Federal funds sold & securities purchased under agreements to resell in domestic offices of the bank & of its Edge & Agreement subsidiaries, & in IBFs	a Federal funds sold			0 3 a
	b Securities purchased under agreements to resell			0 3 b
4 Loans and lease financing receivables:				
a Loans and leases, net of unearned income				555,153 4 a
b LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses				9,137 4 b
c LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve				0 4 c
d Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve (item 4 a minus 4 b and 4 c)				546,016 4 d
5 Assets held in trading accounts				30,095 6
6 Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)				2,810 7
7 Other real estate owned				2,464 8
8 Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies				0 9 a
9 Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding				4,991 10
10 Intangible assets				17,020 11
11 Other assets				1,143,929 12 a
12 a Total assets (sum of items 1 through 11)				0 12 b
b Loans deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)				1,143,929 12 c
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13 Deposits a In domestic offices				1,003,495 13 a
(1) Noninterest - bearing				158,199 13 a (1)
(2) Interest - bearing				845,297 13 a (2)
b In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs				0 13 b
(1) Noninterest - bearing				0 13 b (1)
(2) Interest - bearing				0 13 b (2)
14 Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase in domestic offices of the bank & of its Edge & Agreement subsidiaries, & in IBFs	a Federal funds purchased			0 14 a
	b Securities sold under agreements to repurchase			37,951 14 b
15 Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury				0 15
16 Other borrowed money				5,551 16
17 Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases				48,000 17
18 Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding				4,700 18
19 Subordinated notes and debentures				9,700 19
20 Other liabilities				1,137 20
21 Total liabilities (sum of items 13 through 20)				1,137 21
22 Limited - life preferred stock and related surplus				0 22
EQUITY CAPITAL				
23 Perpetual preferred stock and related surplus (No. of shares outstanding)				0 23
24 Common stock (No. of shares a Authorized b Outstanding)				5,000,000 24 2,812,733 25
25 Surplus (exclude all surplus related to preferred stock)				63,182 26 a
26 a Undivided profits and capital reserves				13,800 26 b
b LESS: Net unrealized loss on marketable equity securities				86,700 26 c
27 Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments				0 27 a
28 a Total equity capital (sum of items 23 through 27)				86,700 28 b
b Losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)				86,700 28 c
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29 Total liabilities, limited - life preferred stock, equity capital, and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j) (sum of items 21, 22, and 28 c)				1,143,929 30
MEMORANDA: Amounts outstanding as of Report of Condition date:				46 31 a
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HMC's Krewe of Medicus plans Mardi Gras celebration

Tickets are now on sale for the Mardi Gras celebration and party of Hancock Medical Center's 'Krewe of Medicus,' Saturday, Feb. 22, from 8 p.m. to midnight.

In addition to the party, the Krewe of Medicus invites the public to view their float in the Nereids parade Sunday, Feb. 23.

Tickets for the Krewe of

Medicus Mardi Gras party are available to the public on a first-come, first-served basis at \$10 each. Dress is informal. There will also be a costume contest, with awards given to the

winners.

The party will feature a special presentation of "Highlights From Medical History." In this spoof on historical facts, the cast of characters will present through dramatic readings as well as song, special medical events in history.

According to Joe D'Aluisio, the writer and producer of the show, "The Krewe of Medicus will take a look at medical history as if the cast of Saturday Night Live were staging it. About 30 percent of the historical facts are true. The other 70 percent is pure fun."

For additional information on the Krewe of Medicus celebration, or to reserve tickets, contact D'Aluisio at Hancock Medical Center, 467-9081 extension 2210. Limited seating is available.



Krewe of Medicus

The faces behind the Hancock Medical Center's Krewe of Medicus include (from left) Sharon Erlich, Joe D'Aluisio, Janet Barnett and Kathleen Quintini. (Echo staff photo by Traci Bonney)

Irwin Cucullu to serve on UW board

Ellis Cuevas, United Way president, announced Irwin Cucullu of Bay St. Louis has been elected to the UW board. Cuevas said, "We are very proud to have Irwin on the board. He and his wife Patt are well-known locally as supporters and volunteers for many community projects."

Cucullu, a native of New Orleans, was graduated from St. Aloysius High School and served as a cadet midshipman in World War II in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters. He was graduated from the United States Merchant Marine Academy and was commissioned as ensign in the United States Naval Reserves.

Cucullu served on active duty during the Korean Conflict and remained in the standby reserves for more than 30 years, obtaining the rank of captain, retiring as commanding officer of Military Sealift Command Gulf Area 8-1.

He is presently vice-president of Eustis Insurance Inc. in New Orleans, specializing in ocean marine insurance.

Cucullu is active in numerous military and professional organizations on both local and national levels. He is past president of the Acadian Chapter of the Naval Reserve Association and has served on various national committees for the

organization and for the Navy Order of the United States.

He is past president of the United States Merchant Marine Academy Alumni Association, New Orleans Chapter, and holds the Meritorious Alumni

Association Award from the Academy. Early next year a room at the Merchant Marine Academy will be named after him.

He serves on the board of directors of the Bay St. Louis Main Street Program and is active with the Bay Business Association, as well as with the Hancock County Historical Society.

He is married to the former

Patricia (Patt) Colling, who is volunteer tourist commissioner for Bay St. Louis and is on the board of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce.



Irwin Cucullu

Williams elected Hancock Library board chairman

Clementine "Tina" Williams has been elected chairman of the Hancock County Library System Board of Trustees, according to Prima Wusnack, library director.

Williams, principal of Charles B. Murphy Elementary School in Pearlington, was appointed to the board by the City of Bay St. Louis.

She also serves on the Bay St. Louis Planning and Zoning Commission, the Gulf Coast Community Action advisory board, and the executive board of the Hancock County NAACP, of which she is also a founding member.

Williams is a member of the St. Rose de Lima Altar Society, the Gulf Coast Alcorn Alumni

Association, and the Mississippi Association of Elementary Principals.

The recipient of numerous civic awards, Williams most recently was honored with an outstanding service award by the Gulfport Civic Club for service to her community and university alumni association. In addition, she has been named this year's grand marshal for the Krewe of Real People, an honor bestowed on a krewe member for outstanding civic achievements.

A native of Bay St. Louis, Williams is the daughter of Mrs. Louise Williams and the late Bay St. Louis Police Chief Douglas J. Williams.

"The library board looks forward to working with the library system director and local governmental officials in improving library services provided to Hancock Countians," said Williams.

The library board is established under the library laws of Mississippi. Others serving on

the board include Evelyn Johnson, vice chairman, Bay St. Louis, and John Smart of Diamondhead, both appointed by the Hancock County Board of Supervisors; George Bensabat, City of Waveland; and Joyce Lee of Bay St. Louis, appointed by the City of Bay St. Louis.

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Story hour features Valentines

"Valentine's Day" will be the theme for this week's children's story hour at the City-County Public Library in Bay St. Louis and the Waveland Library.

Best Valentine Book, One Zillion Valentines and Bee My Valentine are books to be featured Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 10:30 a.m. at the City-County Public Library.

Children will view "The Care Bears: Be My Valentine," will receive Valentine's Day coloring sheets, cards and candy.

Bee My Valentine and An Extra Special Valentine are the books to be read at the Waveland Library Friday, Feb. 14 at 10:30 a.m.

Children are invited to bring Valentine cards to exchange with one another.

Programs and activities are designed for pre-school-age children three to five years of age who are not part of a nursery or pre-school group. Programs last approximately one hour.

Further information is available by calling Karen Peoples at the Waveland Library at 467-9240, or Sandra Ladner or Myra Haynes at the City-County Library, 467-5282.

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Tea for sixty-two

St. Monica Guild hosts annual event

BY TRACI BONNEY

Sixty-two years, that is. The St. Monica Guild of Trinity Episcopal Church in Pass Christian is preparing for its 62nd annual Silver Valentine Tea.

The tea, a charitable and social event that has endured over the decades, will be Friday, Feb. 14, from 3 to 5 p.m. at 722 West Scenic Drive, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Collins.

benefit various charitable causes, including the Honduras Medical Mission, Dixie White House Nursing Home, Miramar Lodge, Long Beach Food Pantry, St. Michael's Boys' Farm in Picayune, Episcopal schools, the Trinity Church library and the Salvation Army are among those helped in past years.

Chairman of this year's tea is Mrs. Alfred Abaunza. Committee heads include Mrs. John



Tea time

Alpha Lee Abaunza, chairman of the Silver Valentine Tea, and St. Monica Guild president Mary Helen Schaeffer discuss details of the annual event. (Echo staff photo by Traci Bonney)

largely through the efforts of guild members that Trinity Church was built in 1848-1849.

By the turn of the century a rectory was built for the occupancy of the Rev. Louis Tucker.

The Collins home is a picturesque, historic home built in 1840 as a one-story, Greek Revival style house with inset gallery. Around 1930 Frank Wittman added a second story and bricked the ground floor.

It was nearly demolished by Camille, but carefully restored

by Larry Noel Johnson and Frank Wittman Jr. Today it is a beautiful, unusually massed two-story building, with a swimming pool in back and two kitchen cottages.

The house was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1977 and is included in the Pass Christian Scenic Drive Historic District. Past owners have included Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sharp and Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Johnson.

Frith, invitations; Mrs. Gordon Marke, food; Mrs. Paul Bode, decorations; Mrs. Theo Moore, hospitality; Mrs. Leslie Darden, publicity. President of St. Monica Guild is Mrs. Phillip Schaeffer.

The St. Monica Guild originated in the 1850s as the Ladies Aid and Sewing Circle. It was

Proceeds from the tea will

COOKING UP A STORM

By Katy McGuire Caire

Some cookbooks, although fascinating and quite interesting to read and enjoy, are not very "user friendly"—that is, when you finish reading all the items you have to have and all the steps you have to take, you drop the book and cook up something else. Haven't you found this so? I have!

One of the most interesting, and at the same time quite "user-friendly" cookbooks to cross my desk recently is Lily Loh's "Chinese Seafood and Vegetables" (Solana Publishing Company, Calif., hard-cover \$22.95).

Handsome illustrated and printed in large type with step-by-step instructions, this book is a delight for novice cooks as well as experienced ones.

The Chinese diet has always been considered a healthful way to eat, with its emphasis on grains, seafood (especially fish) and fresh vegetables. Chinese cookery is also one of the most delicious cuisines in the world. And, many of these tasty dishes are of the quick-to-cook sort, a boon for those with limited time in the kitchen, or little inclination to spend much time there!

"Difficulty levels" are also given for the various dishes, from easiest to most elaborate preparation. There are also guidelines for healthful eating, stressing ways to lower fat and cholesterol, while enjoying delicious meals. The author, a native of Shanghai, educated in the United States, is a well known teacher of Chinese cuisine in Southern California, where she also teaches "Quick Wok" on her cable television series.

One recipe I enjoy very much is:

SHRIMP WITH GREEN PEAS

"Sealing the shrimp in oil before stir-frying with vegetables is a technique used by most restaurants. The result is

succulent shrimp," the author advises.)

1 lb. raw, large-sized shrimp
4 to 5 drops ginger juice
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. cornstarch
1 tsp. dry sherry
1 green onion, cut in 2-inch lengths

1/2 to 1 cup salad oil
1/2 tsp. salt
1 cup green peas, parboiled or frozen (defrosted)*
1 tsp. cornstarch mixed with 2 Tbsp. water

Wash, drain and shell shrimp. With knife, butterfly and devein. Make ginger juice by pressing pieces of fresh ginger through a garlic press. Mix shrimp with ginger juice, a teaspoon salt, teaspoon of cornstarch, sherry and green onions, in a bowl.

Heat wok (or large skillet or frying pan) over high heat, and add oil. When oil is warm (320 degrees) add shrimp mixture, stirring until shrimp just begin to turn pink, 30 seconds. In colander, over bowl, drain shrimp. Discard green onions.

Reheat 2 tablespoons of the drained oil in the same wok over medium heat. Add 1/2 teaspoon

salt and green peas, stirring for 1 minute until peas are heated. Stir in cornstarch mixture, and add shrimp. Stir briefly and serve immediately.

*1/4 lb. snow peas may be substituted for green peas. Stir-fry 2 to 3 minutes until tender crisp. One-fourth cup each of diced ham, water chestnuts and bamboo shoots may be added with the peas. Reduce the amount of peas from 1 cup to 1/2 cup.

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Weight Loss Surprises Researchers

WASHINGTON — A nutrition organization was hopeful that a nutritionally complete "hi-tech" food tablet would help erase world hunger problems, until a study revealed that one of the ingredients could cause significant weight loss.

Although other studies and scientists may not agree, researchers in Europe found that the ingredient, a natural plant colloid, actually caused people to lose weight, even though specifically instructed not to alter normal eating patterns, according to one study published in the prestigious *British Journal of Nutrition*. Researchers in an earlier study had speculated that the weight loss was due to a decrease in the intestinal absorption of calories.

While the project of National Dietary Research, aptly named Food Source One, would not be used to successfully fulfill its original goal, the formula which has since been improved with other natural colloids has been a windfall for some overweight people. A Daytona Beach, Florida woman fighting a weight battle for 12 years used the product on the recommendation of her physician and lost 30 pounds. She stated, "Not only have I lost 30 pounds but my cholesterol has dropped from 232 to 143. I have two closets full of clothes which have not fit me in two years that I can now wear."

In a separate report, a telephone interview revealed that a Wilmington, North Carolina pharmacist lost 14 pounds in 3 weeks on the product and was never hungry.

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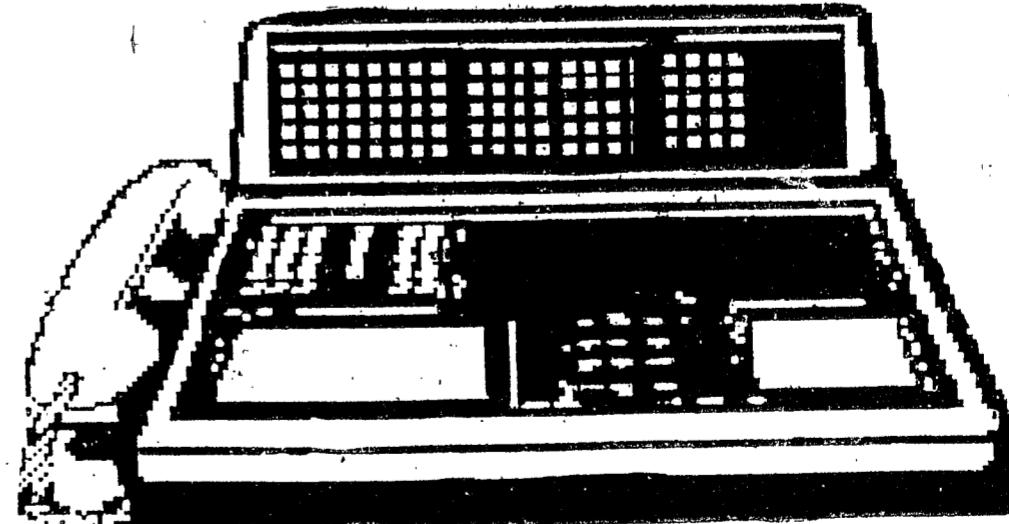
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New PRCC trustees

The Pearl River Community College Board of Trustees recently welcomed five new members. Joining the 16-member board are, seated from left, Myrna Bourgeois, Hancock County superintendent of education; Sylvia Posey, Pearl River County superintendent of education; standing, Billy Floyd Seal, manager, Coast Electric Power Association; John Anderson, Marion County engineer; and Bill Davis, Marion County superintendent of education. All five attended PRCC.

Parents Without Partners
Chapter 1120

Any single person is eligible to join Parents Without Partners, an organization of divorced, widowed, legally separated or never married parents. The group meets every Thursday night at 7:30 at the Gaston Hewes Recreation Center on 17th Street in Gulfport (off Highway 49).

For additional information, call 896-4852.

Coast Jazz Society

Music for Mardi Gras at its best... Members of the Mississippi Coast Jazz Society announce the annual Mardi Gras party 7:30 p.m. in the Crystal Room of the Royal d'Iberville Hotel, Monday, Feb. 24.

The grand royalty and court names will be drawn from costumed Jazz Society members only. There will be a fee of \$3 for guests. Yearly memberships will be available at the door.

Dues are \$15 for group adult family members, and \$10 for unattached singles.

Hancock Women's Club

The Hancock Women's Club will meet at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 13 at the Bay St. Louis Library. This is considered the annual meeting, as election of officers for the coming year will be held. Therefore it is hoped that members will make every effort to attend.

Members are reminded to bring non-perishable food items to the meeting for donation to the Hancock County Food Pantry.

Take Off
Pounds Sensibly

WAVELAND

TOPS MS 233 Waveland met Tuesday, February 4 at the Waveland Public Library. Terri was the week's best loser with 3½ pounds.

Terri also earned a 10-pound loss charm. The TOPS area meeting is Monday, February 10. The regular Tuesday meeting will still be February 11. The yard sale was deemed a success.

Tops meets every Tuesday at the Waveland Public Library. Weigh-ins are from 5:30-6 p.m. with the meeting immediately following.

Anyone interested in losing weight sensibly and maintaining that weight loss is invited to visit one of the meetings.

Call Charlotte at 467-5790 for information.

Twentieth
Star DAR

Twentieth Star Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution met Jan. 11 at the home of Mrs. George Chancellor. Mrs. Paul R. Crowson, regent, conducted the meeting.

Mrs. Robert Turner read the President General's message. The National Defense report was given by Mrs. Dwight Burge on the state of Communism and the financial condition of the former Soviet Union.

New officers for the next three years were elected and are: regent, Mrs. Robert Turner; vice regent, Mrs. William Ducker; chaplain, Mrs. C. D. Burge; treasurer, Mr. T. L. Brock; recording secretary, Mrs. Timothy Phalen; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Frances Wilson; registrar, Mrs. Rebecca Bourdene; historian, Mrs. Archie Graham; librarian, Mrs. P. R. Davenport.

Mrs. Sam McClendon of Sunrall was welcomed as a new member. The next meeting will be Feb. 8 at the home of Mrs. Irvin Holston Jr.

Mrs. Vincent Scoper, State National Defense chairman, will speak. Members are urged to attend.

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Diamondhead
Square Dance Club

Diamondhead Square Dance Club is forming a new class to learn square dancing. An open house/introductory session will be on Monday, March 16 at 7 p.m. in the Diamondhead Community Center.

No prior dancing experience is necessary. To sign up, call Celine at 255-5732 or Gerri at 255-7097, or stop by the Community Center on March 16.

The Diamondhead Squares also dance every Tuesday from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the St. Williams Church Recreation Hall. Club caller is Doyle Grant, with occasional guest callers. For information call 255-5732 or 255-7097.

Gulf Coast Orchid Society

The Coast Orchid Society will hold its regular meeting Sunday, Feb. 9 at 2:30 p.m. at the Gulf Coast Medical Center (formerly Gulf Coast Community Hospital).

An informative program on the care of paphs and phals will precede a judged 'Show and Tell,' and a short business session will complete the meeting.

All new growers and those wanting to learn more about the basic care of orchids are invited to come to the New Growers group at 1:30. People attending this are urged to stay for the regular meeting, too.

More information may be obtained by calling Mrs. Zuleeg at 875-1175 or Robert Stanton at 868-7067. GCOS meetings are open to all persons wishing to learn more about orchids.



Student of the Month

Hancock County Exchange Club education committee chair Camille Tate, left, presents the plaque for the January Student of the Month to Our Lady Academy student Jessica Taylor. She also was selected by her school's faculty to be honored. (Photo by Bob Hubbard)

Take Off
Pounds
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BAY ST. LOUIS
TOPS MS 249 Bay St. Louis meets Wednesdays at the Hancock Medical Center meeting room. Weigh-ins are from 5:30 to 6 p.m. with the meeting following. Anyone interested in joining the group may call Frances 467-0640.

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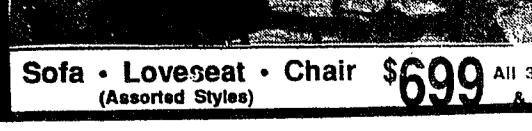
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Plant a tree

Hancock tree give-away planned Feb. 10-11

BY H. RANDALL SMITH

With pen in hand, Joyce Kilmer wrote the world acclaimed poem "Trees." Does this poem portray Kilmer's possible premonition that trees would impact the perpetuation of future societies? Whatever the poet's reason, trees greatly influence man's life on this earth in numerous ways (directly and indirectly).

GLOBAL WARMING

One important asset of trees is their capability to absorb atmospheric carbon dioxide (CO₂) through their leaves. The absorbed CO₂ combined



with water and sunlight produce sugars required in developing a healthy tree. Oxygen (O₂), a by-product of this process, is also released to the atmosphere.

Without CO₂ absorption these levels increase, promoting increased temperatures associated with the "Global Warming" theory. Also the build-up of CO₂ and other pollutants account for destruction of the ozone layer (an insulatory gaseous layer about 20 miles above the earth's surface) which can be reduced by encouraging tree planting.

The Global Warming theory is also magnified through tropical rainforest destruction. The rainforest probably accounts for the greatest amount of CO₂ absorbed in the world due to the vast leaf surface area. It is sad this naturally occurring ecosystem is being exploited. Even sadder is our own blatant and senseless exploitation of pristine woodlands to construct

vast areas of hot concrete and pavement.

Granted, the global warming verdict is still out; but if true, the consequences could be great. The Environmental Protection Agency has listed several global possibilities: melting snow and ice which could promote increased sea levels, flooding and marine life destruction; reduced rainfall, which could impact food production; forests could be converted into grasslands and prairies or be barren; and deplete wildlife populations.

Impacts resulting from this dilemma can be lessened by several means if we combine forces. Environmental pollution must be reduced if we are to succeed. Deforestation of cities is crucial since an urban tree is 10-15 times more effective in reducing CO₂ levels than a forest tree. It is also important to know that broadleaf trees capture more CO₂ than conifers.

Urban trees also possess an innate capability of reducing "heat islands" which become 5-9° warmer than surrounding areas. This problem is magnified since only 1 of 4 trees removed from urban areas are ever replaced. Therefore, replacement of these trees is imperative to relieve this temperature increase.

Trees that are replaced should always be planted in the correct location to prevent premature removal and optimize home energy conservation. For example, evergreen trees should not be planted on the south side of the home to insure adequate solar warming during the winter months. However, deciduous trees could be planted in these locations.

To plan summer shade during the morning, trees should be planted on the east and north-east exposures. Trees planted on the west and northwest exposures provide adequate shade during those sultry, sum-

mer afternoons.

Trees not only assist with global warming and home energy conservation but if planted correctly in the landscape, can break those bone-chilling northern and northwestern winds. They can also take advantage of the constant cooling southern winds found along the Coast.

Other helpful hints to avoid premature tree removal is to never plant trees too close to the house, avoid planting over underground sewer lines, water or utility lines and plant trees correctly to achieve maximum root development and longevity.

ADDITIONAL TREE BENEFITS

Other tree benefits include providing wildlife habitats,



trapping ash and dust, screening unsightly sites, reducing soil erosion and providing a source of raw materials used to develop lumber for buildings and tools, cellulose for paper and fiber, as well as nuts and fruits, mulches, oils, gums and syrups.

ARBOR DAY

Man pays tribute to the importance of trees on the second Friday of each February. This day has been denoted as Arbor Day and is celebrated nationally. The first Arbor Day was observed in Nebraska in 1872.

Arbor Day became an official

day in 1926 when Section 5, Chapter 161 of the 1926 Mississippi Code, directed the state and county Boards of Education to set aside a special day in each public school.

Today Arbor Day is celebrated with free tree give-away programs and one to two weeks of school programs which inform the youth about the importance of trees.

HANCOCK COUNTY GIVE-AWAY

On February 10 and 11, 8 a.m.-noon, the Hancock County Soil and Water Conservation District, Forestry Commission and Extension Service will give away bald cypress, green ash, water oaks, willow oaks and shumard oaks. Trees will be given away on a first-come, first-served basis and will be limited to three trees per household. The site of the give-away will be at the Farmers Market Building on Longfellow Drive in Bay St. Louis.

CROSBY ARBORETUM

PLANT SALE

On Friday, Feb. 14, The Crosby Arboretum in Picayune will have a native plant sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Plants will also be sold on Saturday. Also on Friday, Marc Pastorek, landscape contractor, will present a program entitled "Tips For Tree Planting." I know this will be an excellent program and a good opportunity to purchase native plants.

For more information contact the Mississippi Forestry Commission (255-4885), Hancock County Soil and Water Conservation District (255-3225) or the Crosby Arboretum (799-0500).

Until we meet again, this is H. Randall Smith saying, life is crucial to everyone, so give a Tree of Life this year.

TIMBERLINE

By Mark Jamieson
County Forester

'Lovely' Tree Planting Week scheduled

"Plant a tree this week for someone you love..."

That's the chosen theme for Mississippi's 17th annual Tree Planting Week set for Feb. 14-20.

Tree Planting Week - 1992 Chairman Harold Prather of Meadville said that this year's annual "celebration of trees" will more than likely see record-breaking participation by schools and communities across the state. He cited several reasons for that optimistic forecast:

"Mississippi's traditional Arbor Day (always the second Friday in February) will once again be the kickoff date for the special tree planting week."

"And," said Prather, "since Arbor Day and Valentine's Day fall on the same date this year, it's going to be a special opportunity to put a living tree in the ground in special honor of a loved one."

"Mississippi's urban forestry efforts have been given a huge boost in recent months by the President's "America The Beautiful" (ATB) Initiative. ATB is causing a lot of new and active interest in replacing trees that have been lost or damaged due to human and natural causes in our towns and cities," Prather related.

Another program heightening interest in trees is the ongoing and the highly successful Releaf Mississippi program to plant trees and offset the greenhouse effect.

Iwo Jima reunion planned

A reunion of Iwo Jima veterans will be held at the Royal D'Iberville in Biloxi, February 20-23.

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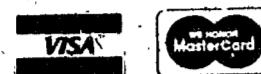
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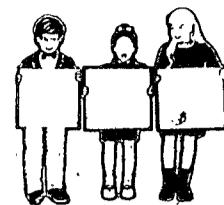
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Wednesday Fruit Juice, Scrambled Eggs, Whole Wheat Toast with Jelly.

Thursday Fruit Juice, Cinnamon Roll.

Friday Fruit Juice, Pancake and Syrup, Sausage Link. Milk served daily.

LUNCH

Monday Mexican Taco Salad, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Buttered Corn, Strawberry-Banana Cup.

Tuesday Stromboli with Pickle, French Fries, Coleslaw, Fruit Cup.

Wednesday Franks and Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Buttered Peas, Hot Roll, Birthday Cake.

Thursday Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Seasoned Green Beans, Green Salad, Hot Roll, Frozen Juice Bar.

Friday Fried Chicken, Broccoli and Rice Casserole, Glazed Carrots, Pear Salad, Hot Roll.

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BREAKFAST

Monday Fruit Juice, Cheese Grits, Buttered Toast and Jelly.

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Wednesday Fruit Juice, Scrambled Eggs, Whole Wheat Toast with Jelly.

Thursday Fruit Juice, Cinnamon Roll.

Friday Fruit Juice, Pancake and Syrup, Sausage Link.

LUNCH

Monday Mexican Taco Salad or Hamburger and Chips, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Corn on the Cob, Strawberry-Banana Cup.

Tuesday Hot dog with Chili or Stromboli with Pickle, French Fries, Coleslaw, Fruit Cup.

Wednesday Franks and Gravy or Tuna Salad, Creamed Potatoes, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Buttered Peas, Hot Roll, Birthday Cake.

Thursday Chicken Fillet on Bun or Spaghetti and Meat Sauce, Stack of Trimmings, Seasoned Green Beans, French Fries, Frozen Juice Bar, Hot Roll.

Friday Fried Chicken or Chili Burger and Chips, Broccoli and Rice Casserole, Glazed Carrots, Pear Salad, Hot Roll.

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BREAKFAST

Monday Apple Cinnamon Muffins, Bacon, Juice.

Tuesday Buttered Biscuits with Syrup, Juice.

Wednesday Cinnamon Buttered Oatmeal, Toast, Juice.

Thursday Toast, Hashbrowns, Juice.

Friday Toast, Cereal, Fruit.

LUNCH

Monday Red Beans and Rice, Smoked Sausage, Tossed Salad, Cornbread, Fruit Cup.

Tuesday Chicken Salad Plate, Crackers, Fruit, Fresh Vegetables, Jello.

Wednesday Taco Salad with Sour Cream, Mexican Corn, Baked Apple Crisp.

Thursday Broiled/Fried Chicken, Confetti Rice, Squash Casserole, Fruit Cup, Biscuits.

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Thursday

Ham and Cheese Poboys, Tater Tots, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Homemade Cookies.

Friday

Barbecue Wieners, Creamed Potatoes, English Peas, Jello with Cool Whip, Hot Rolls.

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Bay Catholic Elementary BREAKFAST

Monday Cereal, Toast and Jelly, Fruit Juice.

Tuesday Waffles and Syrup, Fruit Juice.

Wednesday Ham, Egg and Cheese Bar, Fruit Juice.

Thursday Sausage and Biscuit, Jelly, Fruit Juice.

Friday Buttered Grits, Biscuit and Jelly, Fruit Juice.

LUNCH

Monday Ham on Bun, Lettuce and Pickle, Buttered Peas, Pineapple Tidbits.

Tuesday Corn Dogs, Tater Tots, Baked Beans.

Wednesday Beef Fingers, Rice and Gravy, Glazed Carrots, Applesauce, Sliced Bread.

Thursday Roast Beef Poboys, Lettuce and Pickle, French Fries, Apple.

Friday Cheese Pizza, Tossed Salad, Fruit Cocktail.

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Saint Clare Elementary BREAKFAST

Monday Fruit Loops, Toast, Juice.

Tuesday Cheesy Grits, Toast, Juice.

Wednesday Sausage and Biscuit, Peaches.

Thursday Waffle with Syrup, Fruit, Juice.

Friday Blueberry Muffin, Fruit, Juice.

LUNCH

Monday Wiener Stew, Creamed Potatoes, Green Peas, Bread.

Tuesday Chicken Nuggets, Yams, Green Beans.

Wednesday Meat Sauce, Spaghetti, Salad, Cornbread.

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Couples moving to outdoor settings, intimate gatherings

BY JACQUI COCHRAN

As spring begins its approach, do not be too surprised should you pass a small wedding party picturesquely standing under a large oak or near a shore's edge.

According to Hancock's two resident marrying judges, outdoor weddings have grown in popularity along with smaller gatherings of guests.

from Diamondhead Yacht Club and sailed up to the Jourdan River.

"I have done several weddings on the beach, and I guess the prettiest background I can think of off hand, is right there under the trees in front of Christ Episcopal Church. That is a beautiful setting for a wedding, with the beach in the background and all those large oaks.

Judge Lee Klein, Han-

more and more people going to the smaller, 50-60 guests, weddings."

Klein added that with the smaller sized wedding he feels there is more he can offer to the couple in the way of making the event more intimate.

"I like to talk to the couple about what they are entering into. With a smaller group everyone can gather closer and hear all that is being said, making them more a part of the event.

Judge Dobson, too, enjoys adding to the set recital of vows. "I encourage the couple to add a few words or chose a special song to be played. Something to make it more memorable for them."

For Klein, memorable weddings took the form of the unusual.

"This past Halloween night I married a couple dressed as Count Dracula and Elvira.

"There were about 100 people in attendance, all in costume. The house had a large living area where a raised platform stood for the ceremony. Over to one side was a casket.

"Since I had arrived I had yet to meet the groom. I kept wondering where or who he might be.

"Then everyone gathered around the platform and the

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Attendants' gifts

Sterling silver frames, shown at Ellen Kane Gifts, would be a lovely choice for a bride to select for her attendants as a remembrance of her wedding day. A token of appreciation for serving in a wedding is traditional for both the bride and groom. (Photo by Janet McQueen)

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bride went to the casket and kissed Dracula and climbed into the casket to be buried.

"It certainly was a memorable."

Klein also said another couple he could make a riding motor.

"They were on the back of the car facing them behind."

"I said I was because of the cycles. So we had a wedding to do. I married them at the top of the bar."

Klein remained in the States for a three-day wedding required before the marriage license.

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bride went over to the casket and opened it and kissed Dracula, who arose and climbed out of the casket to be married.

"It certainly was memorable."

Klein also remembered another couple who asked if he could marry them while riding motorcycles.

"They wanted me to ride on the back of a motorcycle, facing them as they rode behind."

"I said I couldn't do it because of my fear of motorcycles. So we moved the wedding to a barroom where I married them as they sat atop the bar."

Klein reminds couples that in the State of Mississippi a three-day waiting period is required between the application for and issuing of a marriage license.

Couple under 21 years of age must have their parents' signatures, and a blood test is required.

Klein also asked that couples notify a judge when a wedding has been canceled or changed. "You would be surprised how many times I have gone to perform a wedding at a scheduled time and place and no one is there."

"It is extremely rude on the part of the two people

who asked you to perform the wedding not to call and tell you of the change.

"Also a judge should be called at least a week ahead of time, if possible, for scheduling of the ceremony.

"One couple caught me coming home from hunting and insisted I marry them immediately.

"I performed the ceremony in a camouflage hunting suit. I had just come from cleaning a deer."

"I like to be presentable and have a few minutes to speak with the two people. Marriage should not be taken lightly, nor should it be entered into quickly."

Klein guesses that since 1971 he has married over 800 couples and Dobson estimates nearly 500 couples.

Valentine's Day is a popular date for a wedding, as Klein testifies with weddings so far scheduled at 6, 7, and 8 p.m.

Generally, both judges feel April, May and June are active months for nuptials, for as the weather improves so does the marriage business. November and December are also considered popular months, whether for the obvious yearly tax deduction or for the celebration of the holiday seasons.

According to both judges,

weddings today can be anything that a couple desires, from the traditional to the uniquely individualized, from the large to the small.

The main emphasis should be on the desires of the couple. It is their day, and it will be their memory of this day that must last them through the years to come.



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Brides still buying dresses of dreams

BY TRACI BONNEY

Money is tight for most people, but when it comes to spending for a wedding, budgets often take a back seat to dreams.

Yvonne Sallinger of Yvonne's Bridalair said 80 to 90 percent of weddings today still follow traditional lines, with the bridal party, minister, music and large reception.

"One of the largest weddings I coordinated had 10 bridesmaids, two flower girls and a miniature bride. One of the largest receptions had almost 600 people."

An average wedding party has four to five attendants, and the average reception has 200 to 250 guests, she added.

"Even though the economy is tight, girls still want that wedding they've always dreamed of, and the dress of their dreams.

"I'm aware of that, and so are the manufacturers. They have kept costs in mind in making the wedding dresses. You can get a formal gown

from \$200 up. You can also get a gown on sale or get a discontinued style."

Many brides still use their mothers' gowns instead of buying a new one.

"I think it's beautiful when they can do that. I've worked with many girls who want to wear their mother's gowns. The gown can be customized for the bride in those cases."

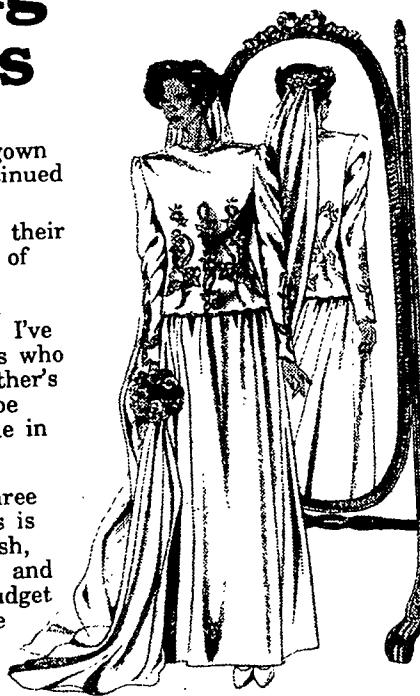
Sallinger said the three criteria for most brides is that the gown be stylish, flattering to the figure and within the budget. "Budget often comes third," she commented.

Although brides continue to spend quite a bit on their gowns, Sallinger said they are moving away from lots of ruffles and frills to a more fluid simplicity in the styling of the dress.

"More emphasis is being placed on fabrication. It's not just satin any more; manufacturers are starting to use

more silks and taffeta, more brocading. The brocades are wonderful, and they are very popular."

Suits are becoming almost de rigueur for bridesmaids; their popularity lies in their versatility.



Choosing invitations

Summer bride-to-be Anne Schmidt, owner of Jeanne Anne's Hallmark in Bay St. Louis, selects invitations with the help of her mother, Shirley Schmidt of Pass Christian. The shop offers invitations and wedding accessories. (Photo by Janet McQueen)

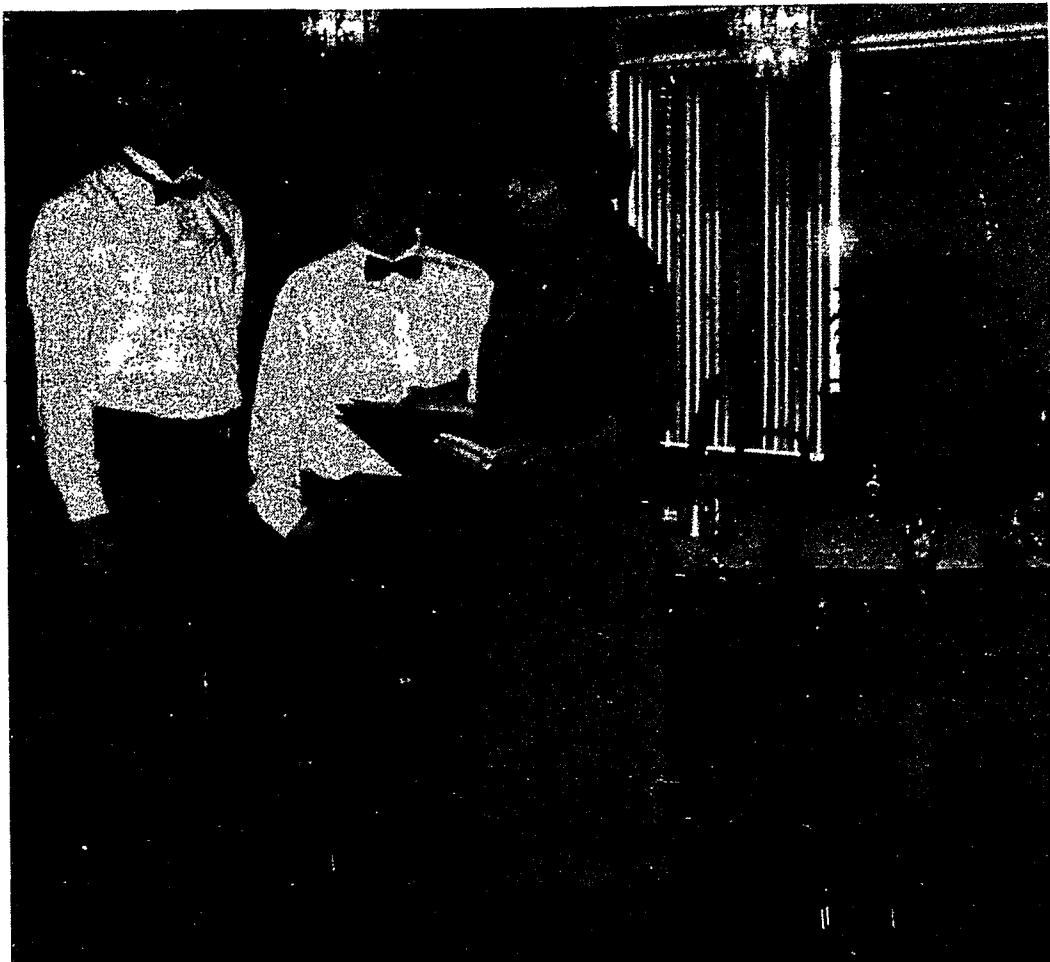
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Waveland Resort Inn banquet director Barbara Blackburn gives set-up instructions to waiters Matt Rosetti and Kenny Meyer. The facility can accommodate up to 250 guests for wedding receptions or dinners. (Photo by Janet McQueen)

Before the 'I do's

Counseling mandatory in many churches

BY TRACI BONNEY

It is said that after every wedding, there is a marriage. But before the wedding, there is counseling.



With divorce so prevalent today, most churches require pre-marital counseling. Once an option, now it is mandatory with many denominations, and if not with the denomination, then

with the individual pastor.

All the pastors interviewed said they cover the same basics in their sessions: the history of the couple's relationship; previous marriages

tions between spouses, among other issues.

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Rev. Arthur Johnson of Christ Episcopal Church said the standards for pre-marital counseling in the denomination are consistent nationwide.

In most cases, the couple meets with the parish priest. Certain conditions are considered during the counseling, including civil law and the current relationship in light of any previous marriages.

"From there, it varies from priest to priest, but there are generally five to 10 sessions," Johnson said.

The history of the couple and their relationship is explored, along with their compatibility and any problems they might be experiencing.

"One of the main things we want to do is to help people understand they can get help for their problems," he commented.

Johnson said Episcopal

and their impact on the present one; possible conflicts in the faiths of the future spouses; how to deal with such conflicts and others that may arise; and the importance of communica-

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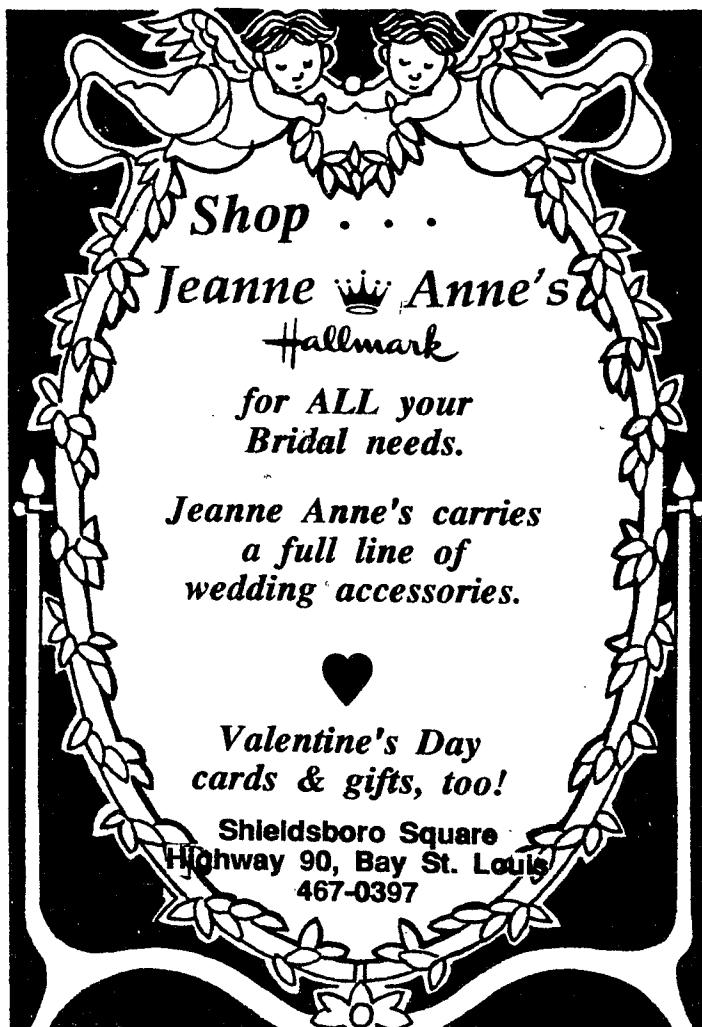
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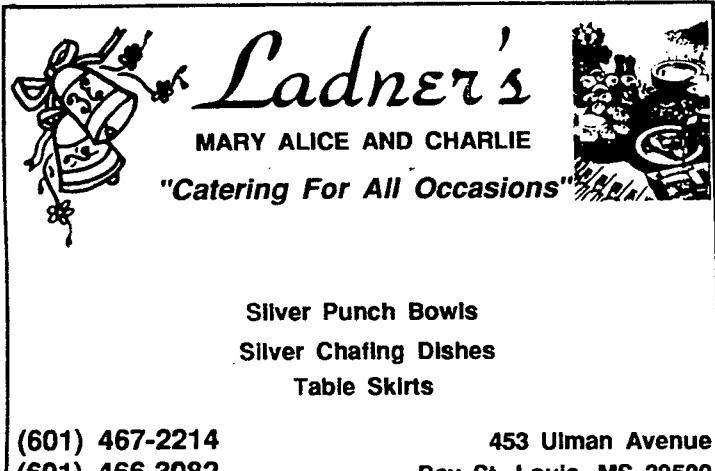
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priests are not obligated to marry a couple, and if one priest refuses to do so, no priest in the denomination will.

"The church blesses the marriage. If a priest finds that the marriage is unblessable for some reason, then he doesn't marry the couple," he explained.

Although the Episcopal church doesn't require either of the couple to be a member of the church where the marriage will be performed, either the bride or the groom must be baptized, according to the denomination's canons.

"Usually, both are baptized. In fact, I've only performed one ceremony where just one of the people was baptized. In that one, the other was an active, practicing Hindu. About the only thing we did differently was to omit communion."

METHODIST

Rev. Van Carpenter of Main Street United Methodist Church said the counseling he does is not based on a rigid format, but is individualized to the couple's needs.

The first meeting between Carpenter and the couple has two purposes: to look at possible obstacles in the

marriage, and to start discussing plans for the wedding.

"We look at problems regarding faith and personalities, and whatever other problems may occur in the marriage.

"I ask if there was a pre-

ing of the nature of marriage. The third session explores communications which can enhance a marriage and attitudes that can affect it.

The fourth and fifth sessions are when Carpenter and the couple get down to

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Johnson

vious marriage on either part. If there was what, if anything, caused the marriage to end? Does that problem still exist, and will it cause problems in the new marriage?"

The time, date and size of the wedding ceremony are also discussed at this meeting.

The second session explores conflicts in the couple's individual beliefs and discusses their understand-

the nuts and bolts of the wedding ceremony.

Carpenter said that in the fourth session he explains the different parts of the wedding ceremony and their meanings to the couple, the pastor and those in attendance.

"During the counseling, I ascertain whether the two people involved are Christians. The wedding ceremony

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I perform is a Christian one, and Jesus is mentioned several times. So I need to know, as do they, whether or not there will be any conflicts in that area."

The fifth session is the rehearsal, then finally comes the wedding.

BAPTIST

According to Rev. Nathan Barber of First Baptist Church, Bay St. Louis, the Southern Baptists have no requirement as a denomination; counseling is handled on a church-to-church basis.

Barber said he will not marry a couple that does not want to meet with him for counseling.

"I never marry somebody



that walks in off the street and says, 'We need to get married this Sunday. Can you do it?'

"I have made some exceptions, such as when one of the couple is in the military and about to be shipped out; but it has to be a case where I know the people and the circumstances."

He added that he won't marry a couple if they aren't willing to go to counseling together.

"I tell the couple that I have set a policy for myself regarding the performance of weddings, and that I want to feel as good about their marriage as they do."

Barber said his first meeting with the couple covers the same basics other pastors address, and also deals with any problems that might prevent him from performing the ceremony; for example, if the couple is living together and sees nothing wrong with that.

"I won't perform a marriage if there is a definite Biblical injunction against my doing so."

Once it is determined that Barber will perform the ceremony, he requires two two-hour counseling sessions with the couple and even a third if necessary.

"In planning the ceremony, I want to be very involved,

because I want it done in good order and good taste. I treat every wedding ceremony as a worship service to God, because that's what it is."

Barber also discusses many issues with the couple: how children from previous marriages can affect the present one; the Biblical view of attitudes toward sex; how to handle conflicts in the marriage; the life cycle of a relationship and how to cope with each stage of it; successfully dealing with in-laws; money matters; and the everyday details of

pray and read the Bible together regularly," he added.

Barber also discusses with the future spouses what their expectations are for each other and for the marriage.

He said he can spend eight to 10 hours with one couple, including counseling time, rehearsal, the wedding and the reception if it is held at the church.

CATHOLIC

Father Cuthbert O'Connell of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church explained that the denomination has a marriage training program.

"When a couple wants to get married, they give the church six months' notice, then go into the 'When Families Marry' program.

"There is an interview with the priest, then the couple has five sessions with a lead married couple; if their schedules allow, we send the couple on a marriage preparation weekend, then it's back to the priest for the planning of the ceremony.

"Lead couples are married couples who have been chosen in the parish and trained to work with engaged couples, to teach them about marriage.

"Sometimes, at the end of this period, the couple decides that it is not yet the time to marry. This is not to say they will never get married. I had one couple, way back at the beginning of this program, that went through it and came back two years later and were married then."

O'Connell said the Catholic church does marry couples where one or both future

becoming a married couple — changing insurance policies at work to accommodate the new arrangements, establishing finances, etc.

"I also discuss with them that love that only God can provide, and how a marriage must be solidly based in God.

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Barber

"We also talk about men's and women's roles in the home. I teach that men and women are equal, but God has assigned specific roles to each one, roles that are defined in the Bible."

He addresses the need for a couple to be involved in a church fellowship, and how to cope with differences that arise if the couple are from two different denominations. "I encourage the couple to

spouses are divorced, but a process must be followed "to ensure that there are no impediments to the marriage" — an annulment for a divorced Catholic, and a similar procedure for a divorced non-Catholic.

The Catholic church does perform interdenominational weddings; in fact, O'Connell said 90 percent of all weddings are interdenominational.



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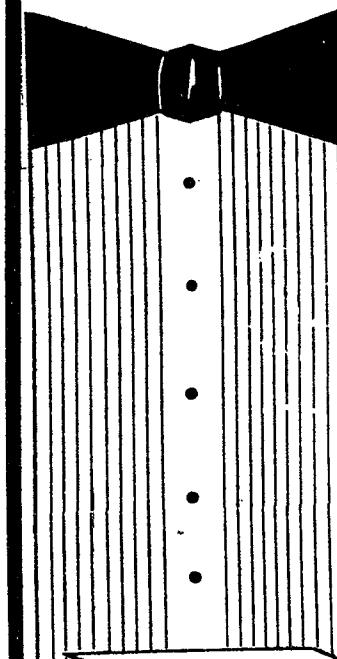
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Weddings in bloom

Many factors determine flower costs

By Linda S. Moore
MSU Information Services

The season, the number of attendants, the location size and personal preferences of flowers will combine to determine the floral cost of a wedding.

Dr. Ralph Null, professor of floral design at Mississippi State University, said the first consideration is the wedding date. Set the date when family and friends can most attend, when the people to make the wedding happen (minister, florist, photographer and caterer) are available, when place is available and when the flowers the bride wants are in season.

"It doesn't matter if it's 110 degrees or 40 degrees below, if all these factors come together, it'll be a great wedding," Null said.

While June is the traditional month for weddings, August is actually when most occur, Null said. Because most flower arrangements have a moist base, remain in water except during the ceremony or are misted, durability to Mississippi's hot summer is not a major consideration.

After the date is set, Null said the bride and her parents should discuss a budget, including a specific flower allotment.

Null said florists should be contacted three to four months in advance with a preliminary interview and discuss the expected budget.

When the bride definitely decides on a florist, a deposit usually is requested to secure the date. Payment for the florist's service usually is paid one to two weeks before the wedding.

"Several ways to keep costs down include limiting the number of attendants,

done to find a florist who can do the style you want," Null said. "Some florists are better at one style than another."

Florists can serve as invaluable advisors for placement



choosing a smaller location for the ceremony and selecting flowers in season," Null said. "Almost any flower can be found somewhere at any time of the year, but they will cost extra when out of season."

"Look at pictures of other weddings the florist has

of corsages and boutonnieres and carriage of bouquets.

"People often see flowers as being expensive because they are one of the most visible parts of the wedding, but flowers are actually one of the least expensive proportions of the wedding costs," Null said.



Traditional Wedding Formalwear

	Very Formal Evening	Formal Evening	Very Formal Daytime	Semi-Formal Daytime
Groom	Black full dress (tailcoat) with white wing collar piqué formal shirt, white piqué vest and bow. Shoes: Patent. May wear sprig from the bride's bouquet as boutonniere.	Black tuxedo, white pleated formal shirt, bow tie, vest, or cummerbund to match tuxedo lapels. White dinner jacket with formal trousers for summer or tropical climate.	Cutaway coat, grey striped trousers, grey vest, ascot, or striped four-in-hand tie. Optional top hat, spats, grey gloves. Shoes: Patent.	Grey stroller, with striped trousers, pearl grey vest, four-in-hand tie with white pleated formal shirt. Optional bowler, gloves.
Groomsmen and Ushers				
Fathers				
Guests	May wear tuxedos, or if you specify "White Tie" on invitations, guests should wear full dress identical to groom.	Should be formally dressed. Specify "Black Tie" on invitations.	If you would like guests to be formally dressed, you may suggest "Traditional Morning Attire." They would then choose formalwear similar to the groom's.	Formalwear optional.

Who pays?

Financial responsibilities of wedding party

Wedding expenses are traditionally the responsibility of the bride's family, although many couples opt to share in the payment, as well.

The list below divides the financial obligations of the members of the wedding party.

THE BRIDE

- Groom's wedding ring
- Groom's wedding gift
- Bridesmaids' gifts
- Lodging for out-of-town bridesmaids
- Physical examination
- Personal stationery



THE BRIDE'S FAMILY

- Invitations
- Wedding gift for bride and groom
- Bride's gown, veil and accessories
- Bride's trousseau
- Bridesmaids' luncheon
- Rental of sanctuary (if necessary) or of other wedding site
- Any fees for the organist, soloist, or other musicians, and sexton
- Flowers for the church
- Bridesmaids' bouquets
- Reception expenses (such as the rental fee, catering, wedding cake, bar, music, flowers, decorations, gratuities)
- Engagement and wedding portraits
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THE GROOM

- Bride's engagement and wedding rings
- Bride's wedding gift
- Gifts for best man and groomsmen
- Marriage license
- Physical examination
- Minister's or judge's fee
- Lodging for out-of-town groomsmen
- Bride's bouquet and her going-away corsage
- Flowers for the mothers and grandmothers
- Boutonniere for all men in wedding party
- Groomsmen gloves, ties

THE GROOM'S FAMILY

- Their own wedding clothes
- Their own travel expenses to and from the wedding
- Their lodging
- Wedding gift for the bride and groom
- Bachelor's dinner
- Rehearsal dinner (a close friend of the bride's parents, however, may host this event)

THE BRIDAL ATTENDANTS

- Their own gown and accessories (many brides may provide the accessories)
- Their own travel expenses to and from the wedding
- Wedding gift for the bride and groom
- Lodging (if bride's family cannot provide accommodations)

THE GROOMSMEN

- Their own wedding attire (groom may elect to provide furnishings)
- Wedding gift for the bride and groom
- Their own travel expenses to and from the wedding
- Lodging (unless arranged by families of the bride and groom)

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A DIFFERENT VIEW

By Traci Bonney

Romance is golden — or is it silver?

Most of us know of a wedding that stands out in our memories for one reason or another, be it because the ceremony was especially poignant, dramatic, comical or disastrous.

My favorite wedding occurred almost five years ago.

I rode down to the Coast in February 1987 with a friend of mine from college because something very special was happening. My grandmother was getting married.

Norma Farragut Bonney was about to wed Lou Cantrell on Valentine's Day, and I wouldn't miss it for the world.

Grandma had been a widow for several years, but she wasn't a weeping widow by any means. She enjoyed playing bingo and dancing and attended many VFW functions. That's how she met Lou.

I don't know all the details, but apparently Lou was an unmarried VFW member who, among other things, tended bar at the Biloxi VFW post part-time.

I use the word unmarried deliberately; the gentleman was in his mid-60s and still a bachelor.

Needless to say, most of the family thought Grandma was

silver-haired bachelor — who, to top it off, is a bona fide, mess-up-the-Rs-when-he-talks Yankee.

So, I got to the Pass Christian VFW post with my parents, found an unobtrusive spot to stand near the wedding party, and got ready to click away with my camera.

It's almost a given that at such ceremonies, cameras — attached to amateur photographers — come out of the woodwork, and this ceremony was no exception. There were flashes going off everywhere.

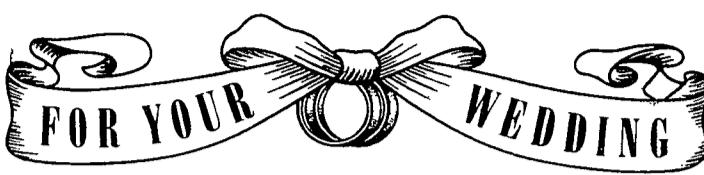
I don't remember exactly what was said at one point in the ceremony, but it tickled Grandma, and she burst out laughing. I got that one on film; I wasn't about to let a wonderful photo like that pass me by.

There was some tension until then, but Grandma's laughter dissolved it. The rest of the ceremony was very relaxed, and the wedding moved right into the reception.

I'm pleased to say that Grandma and Lou adjusted to married life rather easily, from all appearances.

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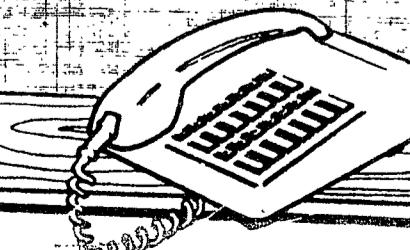
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Formal invitations involve planning

Invitations are one of the many decisions a bride must make, and one she should consider early in the planning stages of her wedding.

Traditional formal invitations are engraved and must be ordered approximately two to three months prior to the wedding date. Printed invitations require less time to process, but should be chosen no later than two months before the event.

Wedding invitations require two envelopes which must be hand addressed, and the bride must allow herself time to complete the task for mailing three to four weeks before the wedding date.

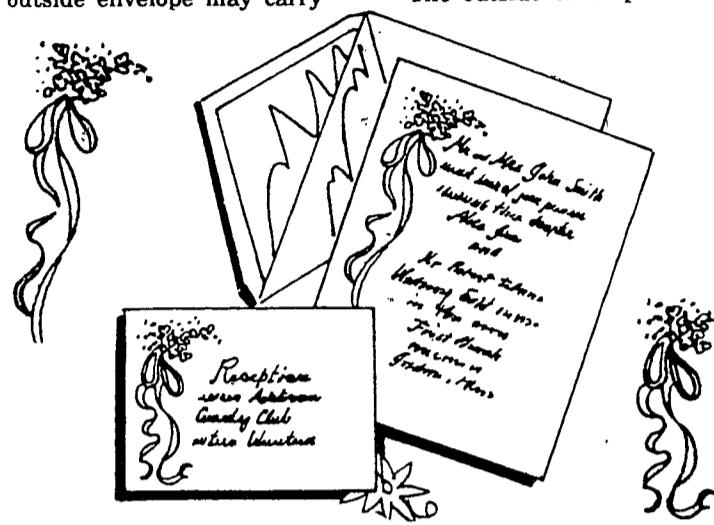
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Mr. and Mrs. Smith
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The inside envelope should be faced towards the back of the outside envelope when inserted, according to Crane stationery spokesmen.

The wording of the invitation may be selected by the bride. A traditional form is:

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Dr. Beth Duncan, extension apparel and textiles specialist at Mississippi State University, said brides can begin to consider the longevity of the gown when the shopping begins or before the gown is made.

"When purchasing the gown, inspect the beading and make sure it is well attached," Duncan said. "Ask the salesperson if there have been any problems with the dress or with the company that made the dress. If someone is making the dress, make sure care is given to secure trims and appliques."

Duncan said after the wedding people often neglect providing the care needed because of the short time the dress was worn or

because there was no visible stain. Mend any loose beading or tears before laundering. Dresses should be cleaned immediately and never left in plastic for more than a week.

"Always clean a garment before storage. Hair spray,

perfume, food crumbs, drinks, perspiration and body oils may not be visible, but are probably on the dress," Duncan said. "All these soils will attract insects which could eat the fibers, especially natural fibers."

She said it is essential to follow the care instructions on the dress. Take the dress to a reputable cleaners and make sure an acid-free box and tissue will be used. Usually the sleeves and bodice will be stuffed and the dress folded.

Hair spray, flowers and perspiration can damage the veil as well, so brides should take it with the dress for cleaning and storage.

"An ounce of prevention can help preserve the dress," Duncan said. "Insert dress shields to reduce underarm stains, and if the dress has a long train, carry a wooden hoop or use a loop on the under side of the dress to lift the train before and after the ceremony."

Inspect the dress after proper cleaning to make sure sequins didn't melt, beading didn't fall off or for any other type of damage. If there is a problem resulting from the cleaning process, Duncan said the cleaners is probably not responsible—provided they followed recommended procedures.

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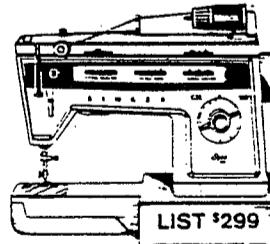
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With a message of love to portray;
But its origin springs from a number of things,
With a meaning that's hard to convey.
Now to do a good deed for some person in need,
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Such as helping the poor as a way to be sure
That the rules of our faith we obey.
So wherever you go, if you let your love show,
That's the spirit of Valentine's Day.

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